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1. There is a plant in Hulutao, Manchuria, which makes synthetic aviation gasoline by the Bergius (sic) process, which uses coal as raw material. [REDACTED]
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25X1 [REDACTED] the process is relatively inefficient but produces the highest grade of aviation gasoline. The plant has a capacity of 100,000 tons a year.

2. Manchurian industry has been totally reorganized into a highly centralized controlled complex so that its productivity has increased to four times as much as under the Japanese [REDACTED]. The few private industrial firms that survive do so only by government sufferance and are completely dependent on government orders and subject to government regulation.

3. The Russians exercise control chiefly by being on government bureaus. Advisers or technical help are requested as needed by individual productive units, when one or two technicians may be assigned, usually for a limited period, during which they work very hard to turn responsibility back to the Chinese.

4. Soviet experts who signed 3-year contracts for the Kwantung Peninsula area were refused permission to return to the USSR after expiration of the contracts on the grounds that they are irreplaceable.

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